

### Congressman Jeb Hensarling...

### Working Hard on the Issues that Matter to Texas Families

# THE FAMILY BUDGET PROTECTION ACT

Congressman Jeb Hensarling has been leading efforts in Washington to protect the family budget from the explosive growth of the federal budget.

On June 24, 2004, the U.S. House of Representatives voted on the Family Budget Protection Act, a bill authored by Congressman Hensarling that is specifically designed to: 1.) ensure that the federal budget is not allowed to grow faster than the family budget, and 2.) ensure that once Congress passes a budget, they must live by it, just like families across America.

Recently, the *New York Times* wrote that Congressman Hensarling "has emerged as a leader in efforts by conservatives to rein in what they consider unsustainable spending growth."

A coalition of organizations, including the American Conservative Union, Americans for Tax Reform, Citizens Against Government Waste, Citizens for a Sound Economy and the National Taxpayers Union, called the Family Budget Protection Act the "gold standard" of budget enforcement.

Although the measure has not passed, thanks to Jeb's efforts this important debate reached the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and will be a "top item" on the agenda of the 109th Congress according to the House leadership.



During the 108th Congress, U.S. Representative Jeb Hensarling has worked hard to pass laws that put families first. From cracking down on indecency on the airwaves to continuing tax relief for married couples, Jeb has worked to support Texas families and protect traditional values.



Jeb Hensarling visits with Junior High School students to discuss how Congress and the federal government work.

### PRESERVING THE \$1,000 PER CHILD TAX CREDIT

#### H.R. 4359

- ✓ Makes the \$1,000 per child tax credit permanent
- ✓ Prevents the child tax credit from dropping from \$1,000 to \$700 next year
- Saves 30 million taxpayers with 49 million children from an average tax hike of \$610
- Includes special provisions to help low-income parents and military personnel

# LACI AND CONNER'S LAW (Unborn Victims of Violence Act)

### SIGNED INTO LAW

#### H.R. 1997

- Protects the rights of unborn victims of vicious crimes such as assault and murder
- Recognizes two separate offenses for the two lives that are harmed when a pregnant woman is attacked
- ✓ Supports the rights of victims' families
- Institutes just punishment on the offender for the full extent of their crimes

# ENDING THE MARRIAGE PENALTY

### PASSED

#### H.R. 4181

- ✓ Repeals the unfair "marriage penalty" tax
- ✓ Benefits more than 2.3 million married couples in Texas
- Saves 30 million married couples from an average tax increase of \$369 next year
- Prevents a tax hike of over \$700 for the same number of couples starting in 2011

## CRACKING DOWN ON INDECENCY



#### H.R. 3717

- Works to keep indecency, obscenity and profanity off the airwaves
- Increases fines 10-fold for lawbreaking broadcasters and performers
- Gives the FCC new authority to revoke licenses
- Mandates the consideration of indecency when licenses come up for renewal